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### **JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SELECTS NOMINEES FOR FOURTH DISTRICT COURT VACANCY**

The Fourth District Judicial Nominating Commission has selected three nominees for a vacancy in the Fourth Judicial District. The individual will fill a new judicial position created during the 2006 Legislature. The Fourth Judicial District is comprised of Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties.

The nominees are as follows: David N. Mortensen, Springville, attorney with Ivie and Young; Leslie W. Slaugh, Orem, shareholder/attorney with Howard, Lewis and Peterson; and Robert H. Wilde, Salt Lake City, attorney and owner of Wilde and Associates.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. To submit comments about the nominees, submit a written statement to Commission Chair Tom Bankhead, c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Comments must be received no later than May 29, 2006.

The commission may request further interviews or an investigation of the nominees after reviewing public comments. After the public comment period, the names will be sent to the governor who has 30 days to select a candidate. The Governor's nominee is then forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee then forwards the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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